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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A gas turbine installation, comprising:
 - at least one gas turbine; and
 - a transition plece for receiving an exhaust gas from the gas turbine,
- wherein the transition piece is an exhaust gas inlet part of a heat recovery structure for a steam generator,

wherein the transition piece includes a chimney orifice for discharging the exhaust gas of the gas turbine, and

wherein the chimney orifice is a flow duct that is shorter than a maximum vertical height of the transition piece.

- 2. (Original) The gas turbine installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the transition piece includes a sealing wall, by which the emergence of exhaust gas from the transition piece, except for the chimney orifice, is prevented.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The gas turbine installation as claimed in claim 2, wherein the sealing wall closes a transitional region of the transition piece.
 - 4. (Cancelled).
- 5. (Original) The gas turbine installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chimney orifice is arranged in a head region of the transition piece.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The gas turbine installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the heat recovery structure is a boiler region of a steam turbine.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a gas turbine installation, comprising:

feeding an exhaust gas of a gas turbine into a transition piece; and

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discharging the exhaust gas via a chimney orifice of the transition piece,

wherein the transition piece is an exhaust gas inlet part of a heat recovery structure for a steam generator, and

wherein the chimney orifice is a flow duct that is shorter than a maximum vertical height of the transition piece.

- 8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the transition piece includes a sealing wall, by which emergence of exhaust gas from the transition piece, except through the chimney prifice, is prevented.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the sealing wall closes a transitional region of the transition piece.
 - 10. (Cancelled).
- (Original) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the chimney orifice is 11. arranged in a head region of the transition piece.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The gas turbine installation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chimney orifice has a rectangular cross section.
- (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the chimney 13. orifice has a rectangular cross section.
 - (Currently Amended) A gas turbine installation, comprising: 14. at least one gas turbine; and
 - a transition piece for receiving an exhaust gas from the gas turbine,
- wherein the transition piece is an exhaust gas inlet part of a boiler region of a steam generator,

wherein the transition piece includes a chimney, and

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wherein the chimney orifice is a flow duct that is shorter than a maximum vertical height of the transition piece.

- 15. (Original) The gas turbine installation as claimed in claim 14, wherein the transition piece includes a sealing wall, by which the emergence of exhaust gas from the transition piece, except for a chimney orifice, is prevented.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The gas turbine installation as claimed in claim 15, wherein the sealing wall closes a transitional region of the transition piece.
 - 17. (Canceled).
- 18. (Currently Amended) The gas turbine installation as claimed in claim 14, wherein the chimney is arranged in a head region of the transition piece.
- 19. (Original) The gas turbine installation as claimed in claim 14, wherein the gas turbine installation is extendable to form a combined-cycle turbine installation, the transition piece being extendable to form an operational steam generator via the boiler region, and a steam turbine being connectable to the steam generator.